Langdon Gave Up His Attempt to Commit Suicide.

THEORY AS TO THE M'GRATH TRAGEDY

Important Statement by the Colored Servant.

SHE HEARD A SCREAM

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.-There is little doubt today that Annie McGrath, the girl who was found dead at 2926 Girard evenue on Monday night, was killed as the result of a plan for the death of both, with Samuel P. Langdon, the wealthy coal operater, whose mistress she was. The evidence points to the theory that Langdon took her life and then attempted to commit suicide, but forsook this purpose and fled.

He is still a prisoner in the cell room of the city hall, where he will probably be kept until the chemical analysis of the girl's stomach is completed. The wet towel which lay over the girl's face when the body was found is in the possession of the detective department, but its condition is kept a profound secret. The most incrimrating fact, however, is that the girl's mouth were burned and discolored, as if by heid poison, while Langdon's tongue, from tip to palate, is a series of ulcers and mucous patches, which, according to his bwn statement, were not there before Monday. This condition is almost exactly similar to that existing in the girl's mouth, except that in the latter it is more aggra-

wated.
When arrested yesterday Langdon complained of being ill, and shortly afterward vomited copiously. He told Police Surgeon that his tongue and throat were ulcerated from excessive smoking, but that he had not before been troubled by such an affection.

The surgeon found the throat in good condition, and says that smoking does not produce such an ulceration as in this case. The mouth looked as if it had been burned by an irritant, such as ether or chloroform. The condition might have been produced by a mineral acid in a small quantity. It was

The authorities refuse to say whether or not the towel shows any spots, but they admit there was no 6dor of drugs in the room. This may be explained by the fact that both ether and chloroform evaporate rapidly, and under the lapse of some hours would leave no odor. One of the first results of ether, said the doctor, is stimulation. A person just put under its influence n ight become excited and scream loudly. It is almost certain that the common-wealth holds this theory of the case.

Detective Frank Geyer, who unraveled the Holmes murders, is on the case, and when asked for his opinion, said: "People don't scream unless placed in a perilous position. Only one theory can be held. The girl is dead, and the man is alive and

The statements made by Bertha Stewart, the colored servant employed by the cou-ple, clearly show important facts. She was the last person, with the exception of Langdon, who saw the girl alive. This was about 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. "Mrs. Langdon," as she was known, came down stairs and told the servant to prepare She then returned to the diner. She then returned to the bed room where her supposed husband had been with her. There was no further sign from the upper part of the house until about 4:30 o'clock, when she heard a piercing scream. She hurried upstairs and knocked at the door. Langdon opened the door slightly and told her that her mistress was suffering from a bilious attack, to which she was subject. Through the aperture the servant saw her mistress the aperture the servant saw her mistress lying on the bed, with the towel on her She was motionless and may have been dead at that time. Langdon had evidently been lying on the floor.

At 5 o'clock he came down alone to dinner and told the girl not to disturb her

mistress, who was not well. He gave her the keys of the house and left, saying he was going to New York. That night the bedy was discovered. The girl's relatives deny that she was

ever subject to bilious attacks. Tuesday morning the Stewart girl re-ceived a postal card from Langdon. It It been mailed after he left the house the night before and instructed her, if her mistress was no better by Tuesday, to notify her father, Henry McGrath, 2018 Gratz street. Bertha Stewart made the further state-

ment today that on Monday morning she went up to awake Langdon, but could not arouse him. She heard him breathing stertorously-almost snoring. She made another attempt later in the day, with a Special Murder Investigator Barlow of

the district attorney's office, was closeted with the detectives for a time today. The father of the dead girl told Coroner Ashbridge today that his daughter had deceived him. Her excuse for absences of three and four days at a time were that she had been visiting friends, and this was accepted without question.

No time has been set for the inquest. The girl's body has been removed to her father's

nome, and will be quietly buried in a day Detective Geyer positively contradicts the statement that Langdon is divorced from

TEXAS REPUBLICANS.

The Assembling of the Convention Postponed Until Afternoon.

AUSTIN, Texas, March 25.-It was announced from the platform in the hall today that the republican state convention would not be called to order until 1 p.m., and the crowd dispersed. The Reed-Allison men seemed to be practically masters of the sit-

TOPEKA, Kan., March 25.-Cyrus Leland, Jr., chairman of the republican state cen-tral committee, says ne will call the state central committee together some time in May for the purpose of issuing a call for the state convention. In response to a suggestion that the committee might decide to wait until after the 5th of August, when the populists hold their convention, he said:
"The republicans of Kansas need no pointers from the populists as to who should be nominated on their state ticket. We are going to win with a aurran this year in Kansas, and we are old enough and strong enough and independent nough to put up winning ticket without waiting to see what the populists do first."

LIABILITIES TWO MILLIONS.

Assignment of L. & H. Bloom of Gal-

veston, Tex. CHICAGO, March 25 .- A special from Galveston, Tex., says: Leon & H. Bloom, the largest wholesale dry goods house in the state, has made an assignment, naming Badou, banker, assignee. The former is the largest mercantile concern in Texas. It is announced that the liabilities amount to \$2,000,000; assets, \$2,500,000. The assignment is general, there being no preferred

THE LEBAUDY BLACKMAILING.

Result of the Trial That Has Been in Progress in Paris.

PARIS, March 25.-Ulric De Civry, formerly editor of the Echo de L'Armee, and Count Lionel Werther de Cesti, two of the men who have been on trial for some time past on the charge of blackmailing the late Max Lebaudy, the young millionaire con-script, who died in the military hospital, were sentenced today to thirteen months' imprisonment and to fines of 500 francs each. The other defendants, who include rmand Rosenthal, otherwise known as Jacques St. Cere," formerly of the Figaro, and at one time correspondent in this city for a New York newspaper, were acquitted

Illness of Remenvi.

DAVENPORT, Iowa, March 25 .- Remenyi, the great violinist, is very ill in this ity. His wife, who is in New York city,

It is Denied in London. nied here that Great Britain has intimated that she would invor the active interven-tion of the United States in Cuba.

What Indiana Representatives Say of the | Walter Peregory Killed Himself at Alex-Stories About General Harrison.

The People of His State Take Him at for McKinley.

The fresh revival of the stories that the name of ex-President Harrison will be presented to the republican national convention for the presidential nomination at the declination of the ex-President was not a sincere one. Many newspaper correspendents have expressed the opinion that who lives close by, was upon the scene in and that Gen. Harrison will yet be a candi- dead upon the sidewalk with a bullet hole date for the nomination.

fourth ballet the name of Indiana's favorite son will be sprung with a hurrah, and his nomination accomplished with a rush. The newspaper stories have gone to the extent of saying that members of the House have received letters cautioning them not to be too quick to indorse the candidacy of others, but to hold themselves in readiness to lend their aid to the sche outlined. It has been further stated that similar letters were sent to leading poli-ticians in Nebraska, Kansas and else-

where.
All along the McKinley people have insisted that the talk was started for no other purpose than to confuse the situation, and to draw attention and support from the that McKinley has carried Indiana is ample proof that there is nothing in the stories. The support of the Ohio man in Indiana has been warm and cordial and without any reservation, they claim.

Concerning this matter, an Indiana Congressman said to a Star reporter: "There are certain men who would like to take a pocket delegation from our state to St. Louis. They thought by raising the story of Gen. Harrison's candidacy, the people would be pleased, and would not instruct the delegation what to do. That would give them an opportunity to throw a part of the

What Indianians Say.

To ascertain the truth of the stories about Gen. Harrison, a Star reporter talked with nearly all the Representatives of Indiana. The question was asked them if, within their knowledge, there was any movement on foot to spring the name of Gen. Harrison at any time at the convention.

Representative Henry said: "There is at solutely nothing in the stories, so far as I know. I am constantly receiving letters from the state, and there has not been the slightest intimation of anything of the

Representative Hanly said: "The people of Indiana have always taken Gen. Harriwhat he says, because they know he is not a demagogue or a trickster. Knowing that he was not to be a candidate, 85 per cent of the people of the state have decided that McKinley is the man they want, and they are supporting him.

"Of course, we would all like very much to see Gen. Harrison President again, but we are not planning to have him nominated, as we are loyal to the man of our choice. Of course, should there be a longdrawn-out fight in the convention, and it looked like there was no chance of nomi-nating any one, Gen. Harrison's name nating any one, Gen. Harrison's name might be suggested. That, however, is a mere possibility, and is not now looked forward to. When the time comes, our delegation will act as men and republicans."

Representative Haten said: "We have taken Gen. Harrison at his word, and are for McKinler."

When the matter was mentioned to Gen. Grosvenor, he said, with emphasis: "There is simply nothing in it. Gen. Harrison's name will not be presented to the conven-

RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Senator Platt Proposes That Congress Quit May 2.

When asked for his reasons for introduction of his resolution for the adjournment of Congress on May 2, Senator Platt replied that he had put in the resolution because he believed that Congress could complete all the business that it will be able to do by that time.

"It is perfectly clear," he said. "that there will be no important legislation during the session except that embraced in the appropriation bills, and there is no reason why those bills should not be disposed of in the six weeks allowed by the resolution. Practically there are only five appropriation bills still to be considered in the They will not require more than a month's time, if that much, in the House, and the Senate will be left for it to do two weeks after the

House is through.
"The Senate committee on appropriations is practically ready to report the post office and Indian appropriation bills, which are the only bills now before it, and is well up with the House in this work. This being the case we should begin to look to adjournment. I see no reason for remaining here merely for the purpose of introducing and talking upon agitating resolutions, and am persuaded that the country would, under the circumstances, be better satisfied to The Senator added that a large majority

of the Senators favored early adjournment, and that most of those with whom he had talked, thought it could be accomplished by the middle of May.

STREET RAILROAD CONTEST.

Capital Traction Gets an Order Restraining the Metropolitan.

The Capital Traction Company and the Metropolitan Railroad Company again came into conflict today, the result being that the first-named company secured an order from Judge Cox this afternoon restraining the Metropolitan company from tearing up and removing the tracks of the former on Florida avenue from 18th street to the east building line of Connecticut avenue.

The Capital Traction Company claim that the Metropolitan Company is tearing their tracks up today in order to extend their own line, to their great injury, the complainants say. .

The petition was presented to Judge Cox, who granted a temporary restraining order, returnable Monday next.

Slave Owners and Ex-Slaves. Articles incorporating the United States ex-slave owners' registration bureau were filed today. The incorporators are A. F. Pickert of Atlanta, Ga.; I. B. Harper, L. M. Marfield and Charles P. Rosignol. The object of the organization is to secure and keep a record of the names of the original slave owners and their heirs-at-law, and at-law. The capital stock of the organiza-

tion is estimated at \$50,000.

willing to show.

THE STAR does not falsify its circulation by foisting two copies of the paper upon one person, whether it is wanted or not, and then calling that person two subscribers, in order to make a showing with which to deceive advertisers. That shallow trick is left to others, who need and are willing to resort to swindling devices to get business. The plain straight-forward truth is good enough for THE STAR. Its statements published every week show the absolute bona-fide circulation of each edition printed, and nothing else. That is something that no other paper in Washington has yet shown, or seems to be

andria Last Night.

He First Shot at His Sweetheart

Alexandria was, last night, thrown into

a high state of excitement about 8:30

o'clock by an attempted murder, followed by a suicide. At that hour the people resome time or other during the proceed- siding near the corner of Duke and Lee ings has given rise to renewed talk that streets were startled by hearing two pistol OTHER LOCAL NOTES shots in rapid succession, and another in about a half minute. Officer Ferguson, the declination was not a declination at all, a few seconds, and found Walter Peregory in his brain. Peregory had first attempted It is hinted that should no nomination be to take the life of his sweetheart, Annie made by the convention on the third or Haney, aged sixteen years, but only succeeded in shooting her through the ear. Miss Haney was seen shortly after the shooting, and was greatly excited. She, however, made the following statement to The Star man: "I have known Walter Peregory for two or three years, and we have constantly been together. He was of a most jealous disposition. I had an engagement with him last night at 7:30 o'clock but he was late in keeping it, and I started out for a walk, accompanied by the little daughter of Mr. Benjamin Posey. We locked in the windows at the different things, in order merely to pass away the time, and as we were on our way home and just as we reached the corner of Duke and Lee streets Walter approached, and in a rough voice wanted to know where I had been and why I had broken my engagement with him. Before I could make any reply I saw him draw a pistol, but I did not think that he would use it, so I attempted to make an excuse, but he raised the pistol and fixed to me.

I ran and fell. I do not know what hap-pened after that." Shot Himself.

raised the pistol and fired at me twice, and

Peregory must have thought that he had succeeded in killing her, for he immediately put the pistol to his right temple and pulled the trigger, and he fell to the ground and died without a groan. Miss Haney was assisted to the house of Mr. Posey, where she had been staying, assisting Mrs. Posey, who is sick, and Dr. T. Marshall Jones summoned, and he found upon examination that she had only been slightly wounded in the ear. Officer Ferguson hastly noti-fied Coroner Wm. R. Purvis, who immediately responded to the call, and he had Peregory's body removed to Demain's un-Peregory's body removed to Demain's undertaking establishment. A letter addressed to his friends was found in an inside pocket of his coat, which showed very plainly that he had intended to kill Miss Haney. He also stated in the letter that he intended to kill Benj. Posey, whom he was isalous of. The letter stated that the deed was to have been done Monday night, but the opportunity never presented itself. Peregory was just twenty-two years of age, and was well known, having worked for some time at Brill's Opera House restaurant, in this city. About 8 o'clock he called at the Posey residence to fulfill his

called at the Posey residence to fulfill his engagement, but Miss Haney had gone out. Officer Sherwood, who was patrolling that beat at the time, saw him when he came down the street and walked to the correr of Duke, and there stood in the shadow of a house. The officer, thinking that something was wrong, passed by the corner to see who it was, and had hardly gone a half square before he heard the pistol shots.

Mr. Benj. Posey was seen by The Star man, and said: "I cannot see why Peregory should have been jealous of me. I never had anything to do with the girl. She has been staying at my house for some time, helping my wife, who is sick."

An Inquest.

An inquest was held this morning at Demaine's undertaking establishment on King street at 11 o'clock. Only four witnesses testified, and their testimony was about he same as given above. The jury, after being out a few seconds, returned the folowing verdict:

"We, the jury, find that Walter Peregory came to his death by a pistol shot wound in his head inflicted by his own hand while in a jealous rage "

The following letter was found in his coat pocket, which explains itself: "To my friends:—I tell everybody that I went with Annie a long while until I learned to love her, and she told me she loved me better than any person on this earth. She told me at one time that if she ever saw me with another girl she would poison herself, and now she is mad with me for nothing in the world and has dropped me altogether, and she has caused me to stop going with my best friends, and has caused me to make enemies with people I would not have done if it had not been for her. Now she has got to suffer for it, and if Ben Posey is around at the time he will have to suffer for stopping me Monday night. I intended to kill her that night and Ben Posey stopped me. But I intend to carry out my foolish idea. I am in trouble. My love has turned her back on me and I told her that if I could not have the pleas-ure of her company no other man living should, and I think everybody will think I am as good as my word; if I am not, it is not my fault. When I am dead and gone don't say that I was crazy for I know what I am doing and I am going to do it. Good; good bye to every body from a broken hearted friend.

"P.S -I know that I will be cursed many times after I am dead and gone, but I will do my work and do it good. Somebody will credit me, I know, for killing her, for I have found out that she has been false to me. I am growing weak and can't write any more. Heartbroken is the cause of the trouble. Good-bye, everybody. "P.S .- If she had not treated me the way

she did I would not have killed her. I said I would do it. Am I right or wrong?" His funeral will take place from the Bap-ist Church tomorrow afternoon at 4 tist Ch o'clock.

FOR A NEW TRIAL.

Another Step in the Famous Electric Pole Case.

Lawvers Jere Wilson and J. K. Redington counsel for the United States Electric Light Company in the pole case recently heard in the Police Court, filed a formal motion for a new trial in Judge Kimball's court late this afternoon. A copy of the motion served on Prosecuting Attorney Mullowny, is as follows:

"Now come the said defendants, Philip F. Bashford and Daniel Scanlon, and jointly and severally move the court for a new trial of said information and for grounds thereof, show:

"1. The court erred in holding that the original pole at the corner of 15th street and Pennsylvania avenue was not, for the of the United States Electric Lighting Com-

pany.

"2. The court erred in holding that the "2. The court erred in holding that the second pole erected at the above mentioned point was, in law, a new pole of the United States Electric Lighting Company.

"3. The court erred in holding that the attempted maintenance by the United States Electric Lighting Company of said original pole by replacing the same with a new role without a property of said original pole by replacing the same with a

new pole, without a permit and after a permit had been refused, was unauthorized and unwarranted by law. "4. The court erred in holding, upon the established facts, that any permit to replace the old pole with a new one was required by law.
"5. The court erred in holding that there or

was any evidence whatever showing or tending to show that the accused, or either of them, erected or assisted in erecting the pole in question. "6. The court erred in holding, upon the facts of the case, that the accused were liable upon the information filed."

Mechanics' Lien.

To enforce a mechanic's lien of \$1,257 on sublot 30, Sands' subdivision of the Widow's Mite, Maurice F. Talty today filed a per cent. bill in equity against Lawrence Sands and others. The complainant is represented by Attorney Wm. F. Mattingly.

Sale and Partition.

Through Attorney Albert Sillers, John Daly today filed a bill in equity against Daly today filed a bill in equity against George. Daly and others for the sale and partition of premises 408 P street (part of lot 22, square 511), of the estate of the late Margaret Daly,

Commissioners' Plan for a Higher Liquor License Fee. THEY PROPOSE TO MAKE A COMPROMISE

The Bill Regulating Weights and Measures in the District.

The Commissioners will recommend shortly an increase in the fees charged for the sale of liquor. In a bill which is now being prepared, the license fee for a retail liquor license will be fixed at \$600, while for a wholesale license \$400 will be charged. This bill is a compromise for the one recently proposed by the excise board. It, however, placed the retail license fee at \$300 and the wholesale fee at \$400. They were convinced that such an increase would greatly benefit the city, and wipe cut a number of small saloons which were unnecessary, and confine the business to a reputable set of men. After looking into the subject carefully, however, the Com-missioners decided that the time had not retary Curtis; A. G. Bliss of the office of come for such a large increase, and agreed upon the compromise, as stated above. Even this reduction from the figures of the excise board is not satisfactory to the liquor men, who declare they will fight such legislation. They claim an increase of the license tax will create a number of

speak-easies and bring the business into Telephone War.

Representatives of the Columbia Tele phone Company appeared before the Commissioners this afternoon to reply to certain allegations made by the Home telephone representatives concerning them.
The Commissioners stated it was unnecessary to hear them further. They had already agreed to make an adverse report upon the amended bill of the Home Telephone Commissioners. phone Company.

Excise Board.

The excise board today acted upon the following applications for liquor licenses: Retail approved-James Shea, 332 Pennsylvania avenue northwest; Jno. A. Ruppert, 709 O street northwest; Jas. D. O'Connor, 1217 E street northwest; Wm. H. Brown, 216 9th street northwest; Edward V. Rice, 145 B street southeast; Laurence Hickey, 329 Pennsylvania avenue north west; Wm. Ryan, 221 3d street southwest.

Gravity Road Plan.

The advocates of House bill 5166, which has for its object the granting of a charter to the Mount Pleasant and Zoo Gravity railroad, had a hearing before the Com-missioners this morning. The projectors of the bill were represented by Maj. A. D. Anderson, who argued that the road was public necessity. Between 30,000 and 40,000 people visited the Zoo every Sunday, and it was a third of a mile from Rock creek to the buildings. He showed a map of New York, and pointed out the number of railroads that went to Central Park. If the road were chartered, a handsome cafe would be built near the buildings, which would be a great public convenience. Such establishments were provided in all the large parks of the country. A surface road to the Zoo was impossible, in view of the topography of the country.

Mr. James W. Somerville of the Mount
Pleasant Citizens' Association said he was in favor of the road, because he believed it was a good thing for that section. The

hills of the Zoo were difficult to climb, and it was necessary that some means of transportation be provided. The railroad committee of his association had approved A map of the country was shown and the

gravity scheme explained to the Commis-sloners. There was to be a fall of twenty feet at each end, and the cars were to be run by gravity. A good feature of the road was the fact that there would be no grade crossings. Regulating Weights and Measures. The Commissioners have amended the

bill regulating weights and measures in the District of Columbia by adding a penalty clause. Today they sent the bill to Congress, together with a letter from the sealer of weights and measures, concerning the ecessity of the legislation sought, for the following reasons:

1. Because if all measures purporting to

detected, and they could be tested by rule and measure, instead of the inconvenient way now necessary, by pouring grain from one measure to another. 2. Because it is now a common thing for

a sharp dealer to have a long measure of small caliber, which allows the putting of one large potato on the bottom in the middle and building others upon it, and thus deceiving the purchaser; and, again in all fruits and vegetables sold by meas ure, a much smaller quantity will round up a small and then a larger one. 3. Because it is only just and fair that all dealers should be on an equal footing, and that this fairness would be promoted by all using measures of the same shape

as well as the same size.

Continuing, the letter says: "I beg leave to recommend that th wholesale weight of a bushel of potatoes be made sixty pounds, but the retail weight be made fifty-six pounds. This difference is fully equalized by the amount of dirt shoveled up when putting potatoes in sacks for wholesale delivery and the care taken when preparing them for sale by retail. Also, because by wholesale one down weight is given, but by retail eight or sixteen down weights are given. Also, because fifty-six pounds divides up into eighths and sixteenths with less fractions than sixty pounds does; and because there are now in use in the District several hundred "potato scales" that only weigh fourteen pounds, seven pounds and three and one-half pounds.

also recommend some legislation that will more certainly regulate the sale of berries in boxes or baskets. Imitation quart boxes are in common use purporting to hold a quart, but really holding one-third less than a quart. These are used by many persons, who excuse themselves by claiming they sell by the box and never guaranteed the boxes held a quart."

A Refusal. The Commissioners have refused to reopen the case of ex-Policeman Michael F. Colbert, who was fined for profanity some

dismissed from the force. Adverse Action.

Commissioners upon House bill 6788, to appropriate \$51,686, to be paid the Prospect Hill cemetery for lands condemned. The Commissioners say the amount is excessiv and the manner of payment is in violation of the organic act.

Permit Granted. A permit was granted by the Commis-

sioners late yesterday afternoon to the Maryland and Washington Railway Company to lay its tracks on a temporary grade connecting the permanent grade at the Baltimore and Obio crossing with the present grade of the Eckington and Soldiers' Home railroad, provided it first places on record a dedication of Rhode Island avenue between 4th street northeast and the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Obio

Do Not Approve. Adverse action was recommended by the

Commissioners upon House bill 6746, to regulate the employment of labor on public buildings and grounds belonging to the District. The first section of the bill, they say, is unnecessary, for the reason that the in-spector of buildings supervises the election of all buildings belonging to the District. The second section, they say, would change the organic aot and increase the cost of buildings at the next fiscal year at least 25

Against the Company. The Commissioners have reported adversely House bill 6660, to incorporate the National Capital Gaslight, Heat and Power Company. The Commissioners say they consider it unwise to authorize the tearing

Testily to His Worth.

A Meeting of Many Supporters of He Thinks & Model Code of Proced Civil Service Reform Held This Afternoon.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the civil serv-

ice commissioners, the employes connected with the commission and many friends of civil service reform met in the main room of the civil service building to pay their respects to the memory of the late Major W. H. Webster, chief examiner under the commission. There were present from outside the civil service bureau Representative Brosius. chairman of the House committee on civil service; W. J. Rhees of the Smithsonian Institution, George William Hill, A. C. True, F. L. Campbell, and B. T. Galloway of the Agricultural Department, Dr. H. M. Smith of the fish commission, Dr. Francis J. Woodman of the pension office, W. T. Wallace, Charles C. Darwin of the geologwallace, Charles C. Darwin of the geological survey, R. B. Hastie and Albert Baker of the government printing office, N. A. Strait, Louis Reinburg and D. I. Murphy of the pension office, F. E. Storm of the office of commissioner of railroads, Lieut. Geo. W. Baird and Lieut. Gustav Kaem-merling of the Navy Department, W. B. commissioner of internal revenue. Thos. G. Steward of the patent office, and Major von Haake.

Adjoining the hall in the office so long occupied by Maj. Webster could be seen his desk and chair beautifully decorated with the national flag, palms, violets, lilies of the valley and roses. Commissioner Procter arrived from New York a few minutes before the time for the meeting to open, having only late yesterday learned of the death of his associate in the

commission. Mr. Procter, chairman of the commission presided. Remarks were made by Commissioners Procter, Rice and Harlow, by Representative Brosius, ex-Commissioner Chas Lyman, John T. Doyle, secretary of the commission; Mr. E. D. Baliey, Maj. Webster's assistant examiner, and by Messrs. Kiggins, Geo. B. Hoyt and M. F. Halloran.

Commissioner Rice, in his remarks, said of Maj. Webster: "He was a faithful churchman, a brave soldier; strong in all his be-liefs; firm in his friendships; painstaking in his work, seeking always to be just in his judgments. He was trusted and was worthy of trust in every relation of life." "Personally," said Commissioner Harlow, the ties that bound me to him were manifold. He was my brother, my comrade, my companion, and a fellow worker and ad-viser in the cause of civil service efficiency. This friend of ours who has gone before us was a manly, brainy, conservative man and a safe adviser. This commission has lost by his death its right arm."

Representative Brosius and exCommissicner Lyman spoke of their association with Major Webster in official duties, and testified to his thoroughness, judicial fairness and conservative good sense. Mr. Deyle called attention to the fact that Major Webster had been connected with commission practically from the start in 1883 as a member of its advisory board. His death, he said, was the first that had made a gap in the civil service bureau.

The following resolutions were adopted: Whereas, Major William H. Webster, the chief examiner of the United States civil service commission, has been suddenly removed from us by death, therefore, Resolved, That we, the employes of the ommission, who have been associated with Major Webster in office duties, hereby express our deep sense of personal loss. We recognized in him a public official of absolute integrity, of a kind and generous nature, and one who was just and fair in his administration, especially in dealing with his subordinates. We have had abundant reasen to admire his upright Christian character, and we sincerely mourn his death. To his sorrowing wife and daughter we offer assurances of our deepest sympathy in their great bereavement.

EAST AND WEST.

Mr. Chung of the Chinese Legation

Takes a Masonic Degree. Mr. Chung, interpreter to the Chinese legation, and Mr. William Martin of this city received the third degree of Masonry in Federal Lodge No. 1 last night at Ma sonic Temple. The lodge room was crowded with distinguished men and with visitors from far and near; and, at fitting ophold the same quantity were of equal portunities, speeches were made by Mr. B. shape, deceptions as to size would be easier H. Warner, Rev. Dr. Ennis, Representa-H. Warner, Rev. Dr. Ennis, Representatives Linton, Cobb and Harrison and Sen or Shoup, the grand master of the state of Idaho. The utmost cordiality prevailed and the orators were generously applauded. Mr. Frank E. Anderson of Alexandria was then requested to respond in behalf of our sister city, and for about ten minutes held the attention of the audience. Mr. War-ner spoke in behalf of Washington.

STREET EXTENSION. The Appeal of the District Argued Today by Counsel.

The hearing of the appeal of Mr. Elverton R. Chapman, recently convicted of refusing to answer certain questions asked him by the Senate sugar trust investigating committee, was concluded in the Court of Appeals this afternoon, Mr. Jere M. Wilson of counsel for Mr. Chapman concluding the arguments. The court, of course, reserved its decision, but a decision is expected some

time next month. Upon the conclusion of the Chapman case the court at once took up the appeal of the District from the decision of Judge Cox in the natter of the constitutionality of the highway act. Judge Cox declared pounds does; and because there are now in the act to be unconstitutional, whereupon the District noted an appeal. Today Mr. Samuel Maddox argued the case on behalf of the District, Mr. W. L. Cole replying on behalf of the land owners. The case will be concluded tomorrow. The questions at issue have already been reported in The Star, being those discussed before Judge

Change in the School Board.

The District in imissioners have accepted the resignation of Mr. J. J. Darlington as a rember of the board of school trustees, and appointed Mr. Job Barnard to fill the vacancy. Mr. Darlington had served as school trustee for ten years. He time ago in the Police Court and afterward resigned because he was unable, he said, to give to the public schools the attention their interests require. In accepting Adverse action is recommended by the the resignation the Commissioners wrote: "In accepting your resignation, they take occasion to state that, within the period of your public service, of nearly ten years, in that most honorable and responsible grown and developed to a remarkable degree, and has been strengthened in the confidence of the people and of Congress. No slight part of this result has been due to your efforts, rendered oftentimes at a sacrifice of your personal and private inter-

sts.
"Your advocacy of a complete civil service system in the schools; your selection and retention of school teachers upon a basis of merit, and your efforts to discourage appointments suggested by relation-ship or favoritism, have won for you the respect and confidence of this entire munity. We assure you that you will carry with you in your retirement from this position the good will and the highest respect of all who are connected with the District government."

The Frost Child. Robert M. Frost, who alleges that he is

the father of the child, today filed a peti-

tion for a writ of habeas corpus for the possession of Goldie Marie Frost. The mother of the little girl is Margaret A. Collins, who was recently acquitted of the charge of bigamy, it being alleged that she married Frost while the wife of one McCanna. The woman denied having been married to either of them, and also swore during the trial that Frost is not the father of the child, not stating, however, who is. Frost declares that he is the father of the child and having secured a legal error to First declares that he is the father of the child, and having secured a legal separation from the woman recently, claims that he is entitled to the custody and control of the little one. He claims that she is now held by the Hope and Help Mission, who claim the custody of her through an alleged contract with the mother.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE HE IS NOT A CANDIDATE CAUSED BY JEALOUSY DISTRICT AFFAIRS TRIBUTES OF RESPECT THE LAWS OF THE DISTRICT FINANCE AND TRADE

Friends and Associates of Major Webster | Gen. Grosvenor Cells Attention to Some of Their Poculiarities.

> ure to One of the Desirable Things to Have Here.

General Grosvenor of Ohio, in discussing the capital punishment bill last Monday in the House, made some remarks upon District affairs.

"But, Mr. Chairman," said Gen. Gros

venor, "while on my feet I wish to commend the judiciary committee, which upon all these questions is the great com mittee of the House, the able committee of the House, to an investigation of a single condition to which I wish to point their attention. The gentleman refers me to the fact that this is a murder statute, dating back to 1790. The committee will find many other conditions in the District of Columbia that date back, apparently, to a perio bia that date back, apparently, to a period during the dark ages, and yet they stand here as provisions of the statutes, not of the District of Columbia, but the statutes which operate upon the people of the Dis-trict of Columbia. I had occasion to refer it in a few remarks some weeks ago at the board of trade banquet in this city.
"I found myself here on one occasion trying a case before a court-martial, and a witness was called on the stand who was witness was called on the stand who was asked a preliminary question on the part of counsel opposed to the suspected testimony of the witness. The counsel said he wanted to ask him a question or two and asked him if he believed in God. Well, the fellow gave some sort of equivocating answer: I do not now remember exactly what it was. He was then asked if he believed in a future state of rewards and punishments, and I found him to entertain a considerable doubt about his answer to the question; but to my utter amazement they produced a statute, which I learned to my entire satis-faction was then and is now in force in the District of Columbia, a statute that forbade him to testify, and he was ruled off the witness stand. Now, there is a question I should like very much to have the judiciary committee consider in connection with the government of the District of Columbia and as soon as the committee on the judiciary has the time to formulate and introduce an act in reference to criminal proceedings in the District of Columbia, I

this entire question. "And while we are building magnificent nonuments and works of art to commemorate the heroism and patriotism of our people, while we are building splendid buildings to demonstrate the growth in buildings to demonstrate the growth in architecture of our country, while we are trying to construct libraries to be the honor and wonder of the world, not only, I trust, the Congressional Library, but some day a public library that the people of the United States will have some interest in directly in the form of taxation—while we are doing all this, and setting an example to all the world as well as to our own peoto all the world, as well as to our own peo-ple; while we are offering to all the world a splendid city, full of educational institutions and educational advantages, and all of that, I think the time has come when we should have a model code of procedure to settle the rights of man in this District and move away from the ancient land marks which have been forgotten in the states, and go forward to the construction of a model code, a model system of courts a model system of the vindication of the rights of persons and property in this ter-ritory, which we alone can legislate for."

e that it will take into consideration

MR. REED AS A CANDIDATE.

Mr. Manley's Analysis of the Present Situation. Mr. Joseph Manley, national committeeman from Maine, has written a letter to Gov. Gleaves of Maine, giving his views of the contest, thus far, for the republican presidential nomination. He says: Includirg elections held today (March 24) there have been 375 delegates elected to the national republican convention. There are thirty-six contested cases, which are not to any cand fair to assume how these cases will be decided, either by the national committee of the convention. Of the 375 Jelegates elect ed, 154 are for McKinley, provided you concede to him the twenty-six from Indiana and the eighteen from Minnesota. Sixty-four delegates have been elected for Gov. Morton; nineteen delegates have been elected for Senator Quay; ten delegates have been elected for Senator Cullom; for-ty-four delegates have been elected for Senator Allison, and forty-eight delegates have been elected for Mr. Reed. Mr. Reed from now until the convention

MARYLAND DEMOCRATS INDIGNANT. Action of the House Regarding the Anne Arundel County Election.

will steadily increase.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 25.-The action of the republican majority in the house in ordering a second election in Anne Arundel county for clerk of the circuit court and two judges of the orphans' court has aroused the democrats, who believe that their candidates had been fairly elected, and are consequently indignant at the

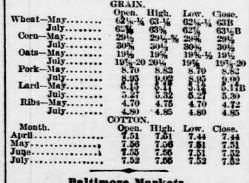
A democratic mass meeting to ratify the nominations will be held next Tuesday and will be addressed by the following: President W. Cabell Bruce, Chairman Hattersly W. Talbott of the democratic state central committee, Senator Crothers of Cecil and Senator Herring of Carroll. The election will be held on April 21.

The candidates at the last election were: For clerk of the circuit court, Dr. George Wells, democrat, and Dr. Washington G. Tuck, republican; for judges, Messrs. Duvall and Cheston, democrats, and Ijams and Arnold, republicans, all of whom are ex-A new election for judges of the orphans'

court in Calvert county has also been orered for April 21. The deadlock over the election of police commissioners for Baltimore to succeed Messrs. John C. Legg and John Gill, jr., the present democratic incumbents, was broken today and Daniel C. Heddinger and W. W. Johnson, the republican caucus nominees, were elected in joint convention. The house committee on elections having decided not to unseat the democratic delegates from Worcester, the democratic majority in the senate agreed to sanction the election of police commissioners. Messrs. Legg and Gill received the com-plimentary vote of the democrats. For the short term Mr. Heddinger received 77 votes against 28 for Mr. Legg, and for the long term Mr. Johnson 77 as against 28 for Mr. Gill.

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Baltimore Markets. Wheat quiet, unchanged receipts, 16,398 barrels; sales, 850 barrels. Wheat quilt—spot and month, 713,472; May, 685,565%; July, 69 asked—receipts, 100 bushels; stock, 117,600 bushels—southern wheat by sample, 76a77; do. on grade, 711,474½. Corn steady—spot, month and April, 337,634; May, 344,334½; steamer mixed, 33 bid—receipts, 137,608 bushels; sales, 5,000 bushels—southern white and yellow corn, 36. Oats steady—No. 2 white western, 28½,27; No. 2 mixed, 24½,25—receipts, 5,943 bushels; stock, 101,607 bushels. Rye inactive—No. 2, 42½ nearby; 45a46 western—stock, 85,658 bushels. Hay firm—choice timothy, 316.00 bid. Grain freights quiet and easier, unchanged. Sugar, butter and eggs and cheese firm, unchanged. Whisky unchanged.

Fractional Advances in All Parts of the List.

KEEPING AN EYE ON WASHINGTON

the Speculators in Sugar.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, March 25,-A moderate volime of foreign buying and an increase of \$115,900 in St. Paul's earnings for the third week this month resulted in fractional advances in all parts of the active list this morning. Some covering of yesterday's sales in sugar also had a beneficial influence on values. The rally failed to attract any new business, however, and traders were soon persuaded into a selling movement, during the progress of which all the early gains were extinguished.

A more accurate estimate of legislative probabilities, particularly those affecting our diplomatic relations, inspired a conservative buying demand later in the day, and the general tone of the market improved somewhat. The attitude of the administration on the Cuban question is generally regarded as being of such a character as to remove all apprehension, even

should a presidential message on the sub-ject be submitted later on.

While yesterday's Sugar sales were in progress the street, very naturally, inter-preted the movement as being the result of a predicted, undesirable legislative move, but the prospects of foreign intervention in the real street were carelled. the raw sugar market were equally important factors. The question of encouraging an increased export trade through the me dium of bounties and their equivalents is being agitated in several foreign countries and if decided in the affirmative would surely force a sharp reduction in the price of the refined product.

The result of competition of this char-

acter would be seriously felt by the American company, but not for long, as the well

known resources of this corporation enable it to make the most of every trade condition no matter how adverse surface conditions may be. Some sales for inside account have been in progress around the recent high level and lower prices may be encurrated in order to increase present be encouraged in order to increase presen holdings, but ultimate results are not likely to be disappointing.

American Tobacco was again significantly steady, and the unconfirmed rumors of a resumption of dividends were freely cir-culated in explanation of the stock's ac-

tion. An important movement in this property is reasonably certain in the very near The declaration of a 1 per cent quarterly dividend by the Postal Telegraph Company, being the first disbursement to the stockholders of this corporation, was one of the most important of the day's an-Heretofore surplus earnings have been devoted to the extension of the company's scruice and to internal development. To-

day's announcement indicates confidence on

the part of the management to successfully compete with rival lines, maintain its present standard of proficiency and to reward stockholders to the extent of 4 per cent a The buying of the Granger shares was a trifle more substantial in character, com-mission houses of the better class buying conservatively on the belief that an increased corn tonnage is likely to be re-ported during the balance of the season.

The gold plank in the state platform was construed into an optimistic argument, be-lief in the final adoption of such a plank by all the eastern states being considered likely.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERICIAL. The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New York

stock exchange. Correspondents Messrs Moore & Schley, No. 80 Broadway. Open. High. Low. Last . 114% 115% 114 115 Atchison. Canada Southern..... 15% 15% 15% 15% 72% 74% 1021, 1021, 663, 744, 744, 744, 694, 683, 161 Chicago Gas, Cfs. 66%
C. M. & St. Paul. 74%
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Chic., R. I & Pacific. 69%
Del., Lack. & W. 161
Delaware & Hudson. 171 94% 943 94% Long Island Traction.

Metropolitan Traction.

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U. S. Leather, Pfd. 603
New Jersey Central 105
New York Central 963 61% 105 96%

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Phila. & Reading.
Pullman Pal. Car Co.... 10% 10% Fullman Pal. Car Co...

Southern Railway, Pfd... 28%
Phila. Traction... 67%
Texas Pacific... 7%
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 <td Silver..... Washington Stock Exchange. Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—Washington Gas, 30 at 42; 2 at 42; 10 at 42.

Government Bonds.—U. S. 4s, registered, 108 bid, 19½ asked. U. S. 4s, coupon, 110 bid, 111 asked. U. S. 4s, 1925, 116½ bid, 117½ asked. U. S. 5s, 1904, 113 bid, 113¾ asked. —20-year fund 5s, 103 bid. 30-year fund 6s, gold, 108 bid. Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 110 bid. Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 112 bid. 3.65s, funding, currency, 108 bid.

Result of the Trial of Rev. W. H.

Brown.

MADISON, Conn., March 25.—The Rev.
W. H. Brown has been acquitted of the charge of heresy by the Consociation of Congregational Churches of the district of New Haven, before which he was put on trial yesterday.

Grain and Cotton Markets.

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Madiscellaneous Bonds.—Metropolitan Railroad 5s, 107 bid, 105 asked. Belt Railroad 6s, 86 asked. E kington Railroad 6s, 96 bid, 101 asked. Columbia Railroad 6s, 1164 bid, 125 asked. Columbia Railroad 6s, 1164 bid, 125 asked. Washington Gas Company 6s, series B, 1104 bid, 115 asked. Washington Gas Company conv. 6s, 120 bid, 125 asked. Washington Gas Company ton. 6s, 120 bid, 125 asked. American Security and Trust 5s, A and 0., 100 bid, 105 asked. American Security and Trust 5s, A and 0., 100 bid, 105 asked. Washington Market Company 1st 6s, 108 bid. Washington Market Company imp. 6s, 108 bid. Washington Ma

pany exi. 6s, 108 bid. Masonic Hall Association 5s, 105 bid. Washington Light Infantry 1st 6s, 99 bid.

National Bank Stocks.—Bank of Washington, 280 bid. Bank of the Republic, 240 bid. Metropolitan, 230 bid. 310 asked. Central, 275 bid. Farmers and Mechanics, 180 bid, 190 asked. Second, 133 bid. 138 asked. Clitzens', 133 bid. Columbia, 128 bid. 138 asked. Clitzens', 133 bid. Columbia, 128 bid. 138 asked. Clitzens', 133 bid. Columbia, 128 bid. 138 asked. Okio, 85 bid.

Safe Deposit and Trust Companies.—National Safe Deposit and Trust, 118 bid, 125 asked. Washington Loan and Trust, 118 bid, 125 asked. Washington Security and Trust, 118 bid, 125 asked. Washington Safe Deposit, 50 bid.

Railroad Stocks.—Capital Traction Co., 67 bid, 71 asked. Metropolitan, 112 bid, 114 asked. Columbia, 65 bid. Belt, 30 asked. Eckington, 15 bid, 39 asked. Metropolitan, 112 bid, 114 asked. Columbia, 65 bid. Belt, 30 asked. Eckington, 15 bid, 39 asked.

Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas, 41% bid, 42% asked. Georgetown Gas, 43 bid, 53 asked.

Insurance Stocks.—Firemen's, 30 bid, 40 asked. Franklin, 38 bid, 45 asked. Metropolitan, 72 bid, 39 asked. Corporan, 52 bid. Potomac, 65 bid. Arlington, 140 bid, 155 asked. German-American, 105 bid. National Union, 11 bid, 13 asked. Columbia, 12 bid, 13% asked. German-American, 105 bid. National Union, 11 bid, 13 asked. Columbia, 12 bid, 13% asked. German-American, 105 bid, 110 asked. Commercial, 44 bid, 5% asked. Columbia, 12 bid, 13% asked. Betate Title, 105 bid, 110 asked. Commercial, 44 bid, 53 asked. American Grapbophone, 64 bid, 64 asked. Prenmatic Gun Carriage, 20 bid.

Miscellaneous Stocks.—Mergenthaler Linotype (new), **1144* bid, 118 asked. Lanston Monotype, 7% bid, 8% asked. Mashington Market, 13 bid. 68 asked. Exade. Exade. Lincoln Hall, 90 asked. Lincoln Hall, 90 asked.